

TAKE NOTICE.

Every old member whose dues expired Dec. 31 1895, should renew at once, and send the appli cation of another for membership along with renewal. Members this year will be supplied with interesting matter along the line of Progress and Patriotism, and in our readings will be supplied everything at a good discount. Amos L. Seaman, Secretary, 5161 Minerva ave-nue, St. Louis, Mo.

OBJECTS. Progress-Pertaining to all that tends to develop

American intelligence on the topics of the day, and the adoption of ways and means to secure this Patriotism-Historical study of our country, and discussion thereon, which keeps alive the spirit

of American independence and localty. Charity-Providing for the relief of the suffer-An organization for Reunion purposes and to more practically enforce the principles of the Loyal Home Workers has been formed, of which Kate B. Sherwood is President, and to which all

true and loyal members of the C. C. are eligible. EDITOR'S CHAT.

Mental Culture and How it is Developed in the Individual.

FRIENDS AND BOOKS. Bisie Brayton writes that she hopes the Editor's Chats have not been discontinued as none have enjoyed them more than she. Others have written in a similar vein, but have failed to embody a hint, or suggestion, in | room; while the boy's home is the world. their letters of any subject, or subjects, they would like touched upon.

Because of this seeming absence of interest the Editor ceased chatting as a test, that she or only whispering. It seems very certain now that there are plenty in the ranks who are not only wide awake but good listeners. And now that Elsie, in her comments upon

Mary Auderson's aid from the poet Longfellow, has presented a most vital topic for conversation, the Editor would emphasize it by way of a few helpful kints. Now, it is absolutely impossible for any

American youth, boy or girl, to get his inspira- | dares.

But there never was a time when the means hand. Improved school-books, low-priced newspapers and periodicals, the instructive and diversified matter furnished through the plate syndicates and the cheap editions of standard authors make it possible for everyone where he may live or what may be his environ-

The first consideration is taste, and parents should be as careful to keep frivolous and immoral books from their children as they are to protect them against unwholesome or poisoned little here and a little there, digesting and assimilating as he goes.

The first and great thing to remember is that no mind is big enough to harbor good and evil thoughts at the same time; one will invariably chase out the other. The thoughts of man are always in perpetual motion, just as you have seen the swarms of Summer insects whirling and dancing in the sunbeams.

They are now here and now there; now on the book before you, and in a flash they are off to the nethermost parts of the earth. How important, then, that we should guard their approach and put a limitation upon their

If we go into the marshes we must expect to be assailed by mosquitoes, and if we go down into the jungles to be attacked by wild beasts. There is nameless vermin swarming in the foul places of earth, and if we find our associations there we cannot expect to escape unbitten.

So it is with our mental companionships; our friends and our books must be beyond reproach, or we suffer in thought, word and deed, And as there is no such thing as a stand-still, either in mind or matter, we are constantly deteriorating if we are not building up.

Culture is exacting. True art will not tolerate poor pictures; true literature cannot compromise with the false. The code of Sinai is not more inflexible in morals than the law of culture is in ethics.

Happily the book of nature is always before us, and its pure pages open to all who would read. There is the daily pageant of the moruing sunrise and the evening sunset; the majestic processions of the clouds; the mighty illuminations of perpetual stars; the miracles

of the trees and the marvels of the flowers. Happily, too, though the works of Shakspere and Tennyson, of Ruskin and Longfellow, and the poets, all are not within our reach, we have within our reach the grandest poems of them all—the matchless poem of "The Man of Uz" the psalms that came to the Shepherd King when he watched the flocks of his father, Jesse, on Judea's ancient plains; the visions of Isaiah and Daniel and the beloved of the Lord in exile on the isle of Patmos.

These were the sources of the thunderings of Carlyle, of the splendid rhetoric of Daniel Webster, of the abiding faith of Abraham Lincoln in the orderings of eternal justice. Above all rules and rhetoric, above all books that were ever penned, stands the Bible, the sum and substance of divine wisdom and human folly. Even the atheist and the infidel marvel at its variety and the classic energy of

Its lights and its shudows are the history of humanity; its inspiration is the sublimation of the thought of seers and sages who had their reward in glimpses of the eternal God.

CONVERSATION CLUB.

One Standard for Women and Men-The Boys' Side, and Passing in Review.

Rules of the Club, -1. Write briefly, 2. Write only on one side of the paper. 2. Write to the point. i. bothe and crossed the cusper Write on one subject. 5. Write your best. 6. Each enlisted and was sent South. week the unniew of those writing the heat lettersstyle, composition, spelling, pennumship and general merit considered-will be named at the head of this column on the Honor Roll. First honor will include all of these requirements. Second honor will include a deficiency in some one point,

OUR BOLL-CALL. The letters v.s. mean veteran's son, v.d. veteran's daughter and v.w. veteran's widow; mem of associations will be marked S.V. and D.V.

Eugenia Cleophas, Cleo, Wyo.; Isa Belle Howard, Pique, O.; Blanche Tabler, 212 East Wayne street, Lima, O. All will exchange letters and autographs. Total, 15,318. ONE STANDARD FOR WOMEN AND MEN.

DEAR C.C. FRIENDS: Much has been said about the little foibles of woman, some of it true, but more pure exaggeration. I have no defense for the nobler, gentler sex to which our honored mothers, accomplished and unassum- time; but, with others seldem heard from, I am ing sisters, together with all other fair daugh- still a faithful member in the cause of Progress ters of Eve, happen fortunately to belong; for, and Patriotism, as every good citizen should be indeed, weman needs no one to laud her vir- who lives within the bounds of the United tues and minimize her faults.

Her proud record since she was partially by the laws of the land. emancipated from the manacles of superstition, ignorance, tyranny and oppression stands as a man, is still being attacked for criticising the mightier monument for her worthiness than gilrs. No doubt it is hard for him to find a girl my feeble pen could here begin to pertray. If our gental pessimiets would enumerate her

little foibles, and if they are generous-hearted because of a few trifling imperfections. Why not be good enough to mention her superior attention we should to the good advice he has charms and excellences as contrasted with given us from time to time?

progress, and confidently bespeak for her larger | Columbus in May. It is a good place for most vantages as civilization in her stately, majostic other, better than through correspondence in march moves triumphantly onward.

Why not give our sisters equal opportunities for gaining an honorable livelihood to that should, to prepare us for living right and a of their brothers? Why not vest them with beritage in the heavenly land? How many equal advantages to carry out the universal | would say, " Let Congress pass a law to stop the Lian of an allwise Providence-that of attain- selling of strong drink in the Capitol building. ing the highest symmetrical development of where our National legistators meet? body, mind, and soul with her brether man? 1

If we should reach that great and glorious end of humanity, we must first deal justly with the gentler, frailer sex, and wipe out the pernicious and ignoble custom which makes it easier for man to violate the code of social, moral, and business ethics than woman. Then leave her natural wants to the guidance of her noble, intelligent feminine intuition, and rest assured the world will be happier and better

Julius W. Gogarn, Grand Rapids, Mich. THE BOYS' SIDE.

FRIENDS OF THE C.C. AND L.H.W.: I am on the beys' side. They deserve a champion. They are often abused, and hard and undeserving things said about them.

It is true they are hard to manage in school. know they are full of anties, plan many tricks, and accomplish many jokes; but they are not thoroughly understood by most of those who have authority over them, who do veloping into the pushing, successful business mau of after years.

Some of the accusations against the boys are indices of a superior life in them, and the legitimate outgrowth of their multitudious ex-The girl's life is circumscribed. Her ex-

periences only occasionally extend beyond the home, the lawn, the garden, or the school-He climbs every surrounding hill, and makes excursions into the forest and over plains. He knows the covote's hole, the groundhog's nest, the fish shoal, where the squirrel might know whether her andience was asleep | hides, the birds hatch their young, the hen sits, | HEADQ'RS L.H.W., 5161 MINERVA AVE., the reliow-jackets build; and if there is a hornets' nest within 10 miles he knows just where it is and on the limb of what tree it

> He can locate all the orchards and vineyards bears everything; he handles everything he Crabb, Lima, O.; Vivian Agnew, Irondale, O.

received hers. There is but one Longfellow, sympathies, in his likes and dislikes, in his are being aroused to new energy, and new knowledge, in his will-power; he can ask a thousand questions in a thousand minutes that | average. Let every L.H.W. pledge himself to of self-culture were so many and so near at | will puzzle a thousand wiseacres; he is ana- obtain at least one new member. lytic, and will on opportunity dissect a watch, just to see how it is fixed inside, and to give the watchmaker a job. This is the kind of boys we have to deal

with. They go to Sunday School. We hunt with a spark of aspiration to become a well- up some prosy mother, or old maid, or inexinformed, cultivated man or woman, no matter perienced young girl, and appoint such to est is taking ou a solid appearance, and sure to teach that class of boys. Teacher and pupils have but little in com-

mon. Their likes and dislikes are antipodal their experiences are as different as those of teacher who never climbed a sapling, or hooked food. Given a simple, healthful taste the an apple from a farmer's orchard, or played a the names and he will number the Circle and reader can go on his way rejoicing, cuiling a game of "shinny," or stele a ride on a street | record it. He cannot make up Circles from car, or went swimming on Sunday, or scampered the alleys and streets at all hours, catching glimpses of all kinds of life; that woman, who, at the age of 30, does not know one half 12. is placed there, and is expected to teach | prayers and sympathics of all. that class of boys.

The result is a familiar one, but the reason somehow is poorly understood. Then, under these circumstances, do you wonder that the boy of 15 is such a scarce article in Sunday

Why not meet the boy on his own groundbe more patient with him? Most of his antics are a natural characteristic of his class. The jack knife, the kite, the top, the skate, the sled, marbles, etc., are of as much importance to him as the doll is to his sister. Oh, yes! he will whittle a stick or cut papers

in the family room, and you will drive him from the house for the "dirt"; not realizing how clean that dirt really is, and that his occupation in the house will keep him off the "Boys will be boys." There always have

been, and I guess there always will be, boys; and they must have an innocent outlet to their simal spirits, else the result will be disas-

The boy is also a vivid dreamer, and his struggles in the arms of Morpheus indicate | dent, and J. S. Agnew, Irondale, Secretary and that he is enjoying a foretaste of real joy, as the panerama floats past with skating, coasting,

as prominent features. And as the Chinese invention, now naturalized by Uncle Sam, contains oceans of fun for | enrolled as charter members. the boys, so, when the eagle screams on Independence Day, on which by common consent the boys have full license, do not frown or scold I perchauce the overflowing spirit of a boy | the President says; sends a firecracker exploding about your feet, but rather smile the smile of approbation as he gives vent to his pent-up patriotism by Pro Patria, or "For our country," ought to

greeting you in the native tongue of China. And when a few months later you experience some of the boys' pranks attributable to their | ships; to do honor to the living heroes and old time habit of celebrating Halloween night, o not charge it up to a natural trait of mali- to answer 'here' to the roll-call and attend cionsness, but rather to their overflowing, funloving spirit. Do not antagonize the boys, but rather court their friendship, and they will be your friends forever.

There is also a wee bit of policy in the makeup of the boy, as his sudden usefulness about the house a few weeks prior to the advent of Santa Claus seems to demonstrate. And hoping the recollections of my boyhood's days may still seem natural to the new crop of boys, I am, as ever, on the boy's side-

John Brunny, Fort Scott, Kan. A LITTLE BOY'S WAR STORY.

DEAR EDITOR: I am a C.C. boy Il years old. I joined the C.C. a year ago. I am going to

write a true story:
There was a boy. He lived in Canada. When he was 15 he read "Uncle Tom's Cabin." It made him want to help the North. He left home and crossed the Suspension Bridge. He his father was dead and his mother did no

know where he had gone. He took fever, and was sick for some months, and could not write till he got better. When he wrote and told his mother where

he was she was glad he was helping in a good He was in several battles, and at New Berne

when the yellow fever was there. It was over three years before he got home When the war was over he carried the colors back to Washington.

May our flag forever wave proudly in the air, No other flag can with it compare. -Donald D. Landon, Etna, Ark,

A LONG-SILENT MEMBER. TO THE LOYAL HOME WORKERS: I have been a silent reader of the L.H.W. for some States Government and seeks to be protected

Our worthy Secretary, Brother Amos L. Seathat would just suit him, but many of the girls are just as hard to please in their notions of men. Our worthy Chaplain, Comrade McMurray, gentlemen, they will value her none the less issued a noble address on our two greatest painted on the ribbon, or it may be ornamented Americans. But how many of us pay the

Let the Ohio L. H. W. make vigorous effort to I glory and rejoice in woman's record and have a big meeting when the G.A.R. meets at liberties, broader opportunities and greater ad- of us to meet and become acquainted with each THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

How many of us read the Holy Bible as we

-P. W. Longstreth, Gratiot, O.

Mrs. Emma J. Saunders, Three Rivers, Mass.,

would like to exchange Peterson's Magazine from 1884 to 1890 for copies of Babyhood, which she may read to her little children. She is the wife of George Sanders, Co. B, 57th and 59th [Note: No lesson is appointed for March 29. The Meditation below is akin to our series of Mass., who has been a NATIONAL TRIBUNE reader for years, and she adds, "We think we

could not do without it." O. F. Morton, Oakland, Md., would like L.H.W. correspondents. Secretary Seaman forwards his name as a thorough American, member of the M. E. Church, and a good letterwriter.

Jessie A. Landon, Etna, Ark., would ex-

PASSING IN REVIEW.

change postal autographs with friends of the C.C. and L.H.W. Charles R. McEntyre, Sikeston, Mo., a new member of the L.H.W., would greatly appreciate letters from C.C. and L.H.W. friends, particularly in Iilinois and Indiana. In reply to the lands which he purposes to visit; to see his inquiry we would say the silver badge what travelers in general have to say about

address of the young woman with a sick brother | voyage. He is interested beforehand. He who has flower seeds to sell. All who would contribute to the L.H.W. flag fund, for placing flags over school-houses in the South, may send the same to Mary L. Best,

Treasurer, Stoneham, Mass.

on receipt of \$1.

A LIBERAL PROPOSITION. Comrade W. O. Pierce, of Winchester, writes as follows: "Three hundred copies of the Libretto 'On to Louisville' have been placed in my hands for gratuitons distribution among the Loyal Home Workers. The libretto was published by the Indiana Division, Sons of Veterans, and rendered with fine success at the National Encampments at Louisville and Knox-

"It is in book form, with artistic title page, embellished by the half-tone portrait of Past Commander-in-Chief W. H. Bundy, and nine other portraits of distinguished Sons of Veterans. The scheme of the libretto consists of song and chorus,' in five parts: 'The Soldier's not realize that the high-spirited boy is de- Farewell, 'Railread Song and Chorus," 'Prayer,' 'Reception and Greeting,' 'The Banper of Beauty and Glory,' and a supplement containing two new songs-'The Flag of Our Fathers' and 'Lincoln's Prayer.

"Sond a 2-cent stamp to pay for postage and wrapping, giving postoffice address, with Town, County and State. Of all applications sent after the 300 are exhausted, the postage will be turned over to the Treasurer of the L.H.W. for the good of the Order. First ordering first served. Address W. O. Pierce, Box 74, Winchester, Ind."

LOYAL HOME WORKERS. Sr. Louis, March 19, 1896. If no protest is made to the following appli-

cants within one week from date they will be enrolled into membership of the L.H.W.: Guy Plympton, W. Decatur, Pa.; Rose Drinkand watermelon-patches in the surrounding | water, Norfolk, Conn.; Edith M. Stickles, Torcommunity, and knows when their products | rington, Conn.; Jessie H. Lannon, Etna, Ark.; are ready for use. He sees everything; he | Oren F. Morton, Mt. Lake Park, Md.: Florence From present indications this will be the tion from as high a source as Mary Anderson He is cosmopolitan in his make-up, in his banner year for the L.H.W. The old members members are coming in steadily, making a good

> Respectfully submitted-Amos L. Seaman, Secretary. L.H.W. NOTES.

Secretary Ames L. Seaman reports the outlook for the L. H. W. as very bright. The intercrystallize into the vital work of Progress and Patriotism.

Secretary Seaman writes that members seem to have misunderstood the Letter Circle scheme. the caged canary and the eagle. That woman | The point is this: When six or eight members combine to form a Circle, they should send him

single names sent. Our National Chaplain, Frank McMurray, has been obliged to omit his March sermonet, as his wife has been quite ill and he is by no as much of life in general as the boy of 10 or | means in health himself. He will have the | thus: "Dr. Sunderland, that was a very elo-

CONNECTICUT STATE CIRCLE. The semi-annual meeting of the Connecticut State Circle, L. H. W., held at the home of J. T. Haight, Torrington, numbered representatives from Norwalk, Waterbury, Ansonia, Housatonic, New Britain, Forestville, and Norfolk. President Kellogg presided over the business meeting, with all officers present except the Chaplain. Greetings were read from absent friends. Sister Culver read a paper on patriotism, which was warmly received, and it was voted that she forward it to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for publication. Voted to hold the annual meeting at Rock Grove in July.

There was an interesting evening meeting of songs and recitations, closing with "America." Reported by J. G. Twining, Secretary.

NEVILLE CIRCLE, L.H.W. J. B. Twaddle, Pravo, O., is one of the stirring Buckeye workers. He was made President of Neville Circle, L. H. W., held at Steubenville on Washington's Birthday. Anna

Bowers, Reed's Mills, was elected Vice-Presi-Treasurer. The President urges every member of the firecrackers, and scenes from Halloween night | L.H.W. in that part of the State to forward his or her name for enrollment in Neville Circle.

No. 1. All names received by April 1 will be Notice for next meeting will appear in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. In closing a call for the

C.C. and L.H.W. to rally to Neville standard, "We cannot engage in a nobler cause than that of Progress and Patriotism. Our motto, nerve us on and help us to stand by the flag for which our fathers endured so many hardtribute to the dead. I implore you as patriots

our coming meeting." HAPPY HOUSEHOLD.

ORANGE SALAD.

For serving with roast duck or game, orange salad is delicions. Slice six oranges, grating | this wrapt audience, until, from a remote corthe rind of one. Add to the juice of one lemon | ner of the room, a subdued sob was heard, and three tablespoonfuls of saind oil or melted the old gentleman (the host) stepped forward butter and a dash of cayenne pepper; mix and pour over the oranges. WHOLE-WHEAT BREAD.

Whole wheat bread is used very much just now by people who study the health of themselves and children. It contains all the essential elements of wheat, and is sweet and nutri-

Majendie, in recent experiments, demonstrated that dogs fed exclusively on white bread die in 50 days, whereas they live and flourish of that wonderful production. Hardly one do those that collisted in the war against Mex-If parents would cease feeding their children on fine wheat bread and highly-seasoned food

they would have fewer doctor bills to pay. The nervous irritability of most children is directly traceable to the food they eat. The rosiest, stoutest little child the writer has in mind lives almost wholly on oatmeal and milk, breakfast, dinner and supper. The table may be spread with meats and sweets

wholly unspoiled, because started out right. REDWOOD BARK PINCUSHIONS. Jesse Huskins, Lindsay, Cal., who has supplied so many of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE readers with redwood bark for pincushions or

souvenirs, will supply all others who will for-

ward 15 cents for packing and postage, and for five cents extra will send a red wood cane, with seed and moss. To ornament the redwood souvenir he gives directions as follows: "Take a ribbon three inches wide and a little over 16 inches long, of any color desired. Sew the ends together and draw tightly over the pincushion crosswise of

the grain. "Take two pieces of braid, the same length of the ribbon, and sew the ends together, stitching one piece to the top and the other to the bottom of the ribbon. A few flowers may be

with the needle. "Pins and needles stay just where they are put in redwood cushions, making them preferable to any others."



on the "Other Side."

COMMENDATIONS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER. Many prominent men and women have expressed themselves as to the Prayer, given to the world by our Savior as a model. We append some of their commendations, hoping to stir up in the minds of readers a greater desire to study this wonderful Prayer. We are, more or less, governed by the opinions of those whose judgments we appreciate, and especially by those whose character we admire. When one is going on a foreign journey he 's quite inclined to secure what information he can as to world is a necessary supplment to this, to adjust its inequalities and imbue it with moral significance." will be forwarded by THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE | routes, places, buildings, etc., thus to get an idea of the prospect before him. As one thus Mrs. C. M. Evans, Palo, Mich., desires the reads and learns, he grows more eager for his thinks that scenes so highly praised by the learned must be exceedingly delightful. So we would do as to the Lord's Prayer. Let us notice the conclusions reached by men who have examined this Prayer. I believe that in this way we shall become very desirous of

> shall have stimulus for research, meditation and thought. Madame De Stael has left the following words, showing her great appreciation of the Lord's Prayer: "If the Founder of Christianity had done no more than to teach the human race to bow before one God, and all pray, 'Our Father who art in heaven,' he would have conferred an inestimable boon, and given proof of the divinity of his religion.'

studying it more carefully. We shall believe

that what so charmed, comforted and guided

the well-informed and pious must be worthy

our intense study and devout admiration. We

Thomas Carlyle was reared in a most devout manner. Later in life he left off the use of the Prayer he learned at home from his mother. Sometime, however, before his death, he began to feel the impulses of early days stealing over him. He lost his wife, and her death preyed on his mind. He became lonely. He tells us of his devout impulses, stirred up by affliction and the inroads of advanced age. Emerson's description of Carlyle during his last years is sad. He refers to the comfort Carlyle derived from repeating the Lord's Prayer. Carlyle himself tells the story. In a letter which he wrote to his old friend, Mr. Erskine, he remarked: "I was agreeably surprised by the sight of your hand writing again, so kind, so welcome! The letters are as firm and honestly distinct as ever-the mind, too, in spite of its frail environments, as clear, plump up, calmly expectant, as in the best days. Right so; so be it with us all, till we quit this dim sojourn, now grown so lonely to us, and our change come! 'Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy will be done;' what else can we say?

"The other night, in my sleepless tossings about, which were growing more and more miserable, these words, that brief and grand prayer, came strangely into my mind with an altogether new emphasis, as if written and shining for me in mild, pure splendor on the black bosom of the night there; when I, as it were, read them word by word-with a sudden check to my imperfect wanderings, with a sudden softness of composure which was much unexpected.

"Not for perhaps 30 or 40 years had I once formally repeated that prayer; nay, I never felt before how intensely the voice of man's soul it is; the inmost aspiration of all that is high and pious in poor human nature; right worthy to be recommended with an 'After this

manner pray ye." Charles Sumner detested political prayers offered by Chaplains in the Senate. Dr. Sunderland used to annoy him by making at times very sly insinuations in his prayers. One day, however, the Doctor entered the Senate and simply presented the Lord's Prayer to the "mercy seat." Just after the devotions, Mr. Summer stepped up to the Chaplain and spoke quent prayer you just offered; a very beautiful prayer; a very appropriate prayer—the most appropriate prayer I ever heard you utter."

Matthew Henry, the eminent commentator, declared: "The Lord's Prayer is a letter sent from earth to heaven. Here is the inscription, the person to whom it is addressed-'Our Father.' Here is the place where He dwells-'In Heaven.' The contents: Several requests to increase His glory and our good. The close-'Thine is the kingdom.' The seal -'Amen.' And, if you will, the date, too-'This day.'" We do not realize how much pathos, power,

moral sublimity is in that wonderful Prayer. The elder Booth realized more fully than most do the significance of each clause. We give an instance in illustration: The elder Booth once resided in Baltimore. He was so popular that he frequently received of dinner at one place, and the company had

invitations to be a guest at homes then usually shut against actors. He had finished partaking retired to the drawing-room, when he was requested, as a particular favor to the host and | children till each became 16 years old, or will his fellow-guests, to repeat the Lord's Prayer. a separate application have to be made for the He expressed his willingness to grant the favor. We give the account furnished by one who was | entitled to make the application? Answer. If "He slowly and reverently arose from his chair, trembling with the burden of two great

attributes and presence of the Almighty Being he was to address. He was to transform himself into a poor, sinning, stumbling, benighted, needy supplicant, offering homage, asking bread, pardon, light and guidance." One other of the company who was present makes the following statement:

"It was wenderful to watch the play of emotions that convulsed his countenance. He became deadly pale, and his eyes, turued trembling upward, were wet with tears. As yet he had not spoken. The silence could be felt; it had become absolutely painful, until at last the spell was broken as if by an electric shock, as his rich-toned voice syllabled forth, 'Our Father Which art in Heaven,' etc., with a pathos and fervid solemnity which thrilled all hearts. He finished; the silence continued; not a voice was heard, nor a muscle moved in with streaming eyes and tottering frame, and | tract. seized Booth by the hand. 'Sir,' said he, in broken accents, 'you have afforded me a pleasure for which my whole future life will feel grateful. I am an old man, and every day, from boyhood to the present time, I have repeated the Lord's Prayer; but I never heard it before, never!' 'You are right,' replied Booth: 'to read that prayer as it should be read, caused me the severest study and labor for 30 years, bas attained the age of 75 years. beauty, tenderness and grandeur can be conitself sufficiently illustrates the truth of the So great was the effect produced, says our informant, that conversation was sustained but a short time longer in subdued monosyllables, and almost entirely ceased; and, soon after, at an early hour, the company broke up and rewithout tempting the child, whose tastes are tired to their several homes, with sad faces and At Boston there is a Radical Club. Prof.

full hearts. members at a session of said Club. He was accounted a leading mathematician of our country. As a scientist, he stood among the first. He told the Club that the universe needs God; science requires faith. Then, at the close, he spoke these following grand words. Remember as you read them that the Professor meant by the "bedside prayer" the prayer which begins, "Our Father, Which art in Heaven. He

"Men of science, be not false to your childish faith in your bedside prayer. Your logic of instruction may be as pellucid as ice, but beware lest you be bound in its frigid and rigid bonds as were the traitors seen by the Divine comedian in the lowest depths of Tartarus. Retrace your steps upward through the narrow avenue of ideality, and you will drift again, will again perceive the central light to be the unfailing fountain of knowledge, and in it and through it it will join in the praise and

loving God." For all his life John Randolph thanked God that his mother taught him to offer at her knee the Lord's Prayer. Were it not for those youth, he felt sure he would have been carried mother's hand on his little head, he each night the last application.

and morning offered up the Prayer which Christ taught his Disciples, and which his mother taught him. Here we see the utility of a memorized prayer. Here every mother can see how to get such a hold on a child that it shall be felt when the mother has passed over

Those who have read Dickens's "Bleak House" can recall the tender description of the death of Jo, who was a poor, ignorant boy. The great editor, Thurlow Weed, never ceased repeating the Lord's Prayer. Read the following words in proof of this-words by Mr. Weed: "By 12 o'clock I am generally composed for sleep. It is a relief to me to repeat the Lord's Prayer before going to bed, and I could not sleep without it. I cannot believe, and cannot be brought to believe, that the purpose of our creation is fulfilled by our short existence here. To me the existence of another

Henry Ward Beecher, in his "Life of Christ," said, speaking of the Lord's Prayer: "One knows not which most to admire in this formits lottiness of spirit, its comprehensiveness, its brevity, its simplicity, or its union of human and divine elements. All prayer may be said to be crystallized in this Prayer; the Church has worn it on its bosom for hundreds of years as the brightest gem of devotion."

Gen. Rusk, once Secretary of the Agricultural Department, U. S., died in 1893. The newspapers gave account of the closing scenes of his life. I give a quotation from one, a Milwankee paper: "More than a score of times during his illness Gen. Rusk asked to have the Lord's Prayer repeated. Only the day before he died his eldest daughter, Mrs. Craig, had, at his request, knelt at his bedside and joined in the Prayer with him, and when they had concluded the sick man said, 'Charity, let us repeat it,' and together the father and daughter again earnestly sent up that petition of guidance and comfort."

Farindon says: "This form of prayer was prescribed both to the disciples and to the multitude. None so wise who must not, none so ignorant who may not, learn this form. Being a short form, it is no burden to the memory; and being a plain form, it brings no trouble to the understanding. He that cannot walk upon the pavement of Heaven, amongst the mysteries of his faith, may yet walk upon this earth, this plain model of devotion. He that drink. 10. Exclamations expressive of surprise. From hut little of the Trinity may yet ery 11. A letter. - EUGENE, Cleveland, O. knows but little of the Trinity may yet cry, 'Abba, Father.' He that cannot dispute of God may sanctify His name. He who is no politician may have his kingdom with him; and he who cannot find out his ways may yet do his will. Every man cannot be a scholar; but every man may be devout. Every man cannot preach; but every man may pray. Surgunt indocti, et rapiunt regnum colorum, saith Augustine. Devout ignorance many times taketh heaven by violence, when our sluggish and unprofitable knowledge cannot lift up our hands by devotion so much as to knock at the door. Take, then, the disciples and the multitude together, men of knowledge and men of no great reach, and the sic orate concerns them all, and to them it is our Saviour gives this command, 'After this manner pray ye.'"

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E. H. B., Greeley, Colo. - What are the rules under which pensions are granted by special act of Congress with respect to title before the Pension Office? Answer. In general no private bill for a pension will be favorably reported by the Pension Committee, unless the petitioner therefor has applied to the Pension Bureau and been denied relief therein, or unless clearly not entitled to pension under the general law; or, if a pensioner thereunder, to the rate which he seeks to get by private bill. We know of no printed set of rules for guidance of those seeking relief in this way.

X. O. B., Sauk Rapids, Minn.-Soldier served in the rebellion; was honorably discharged, having contracted disease therein, from which he died after discharge, leaving a widow and three children under 16 years of age. Widow remarried before children each became 16 years old, but children lived with and were maintained by her until they each became 16 years old. Now, if widow applies for pension under general law for the time she remained a widow, and her claim is allowed, will she draw pension for the time after the widow remarried? If so, who is thereto, she will be pensioned from date of soldier's death to date of her remarriage, and per month allowed to her because of each child under the age of 16 years, such additional \$2 a month being a part of her pension. In order that the children may be pensioned in their For he my father's orchard oft would Riffe of its own right a separate application must be made by them; and if allowed their pension will date from the remarriage of the widow, and

terminate when they attained the age of 16 C. G. L., Onondaga, N. Y .- 1. How long can a pensioner let his pension run without drawing it, and not be dropped from the rolls because of failure to draw? 2. How long can a pensioner hold his quarterly check, and still get his money on it when he wants to cash it? 3. Is silver a legal tender, and to what amount? Answer. 1. Three years. 2. There is no limit, but it is the desire of the Treasury Department that the check should be presented for payment within three months from date that | Ho'd Haversack in Ravelliu's, the poor Cutlasses it is drawn. 3. It is a legal tender for any amount, unless otherwise specified in the con-

J. B., Abbot Village, Me .- Is there a law that gives to a soldier of the war of 1861-'65 a pension of \$12 a month upon his attaining the age of 75 years? Answer. There is a ruling of the Give honor to the "Army" then, and recognize Pension Bureau that in a claim for pension under the act of June 27, 1890, the applicant therein shall be regarded as disabled to a degree that will entitle him to the \$12-rate, if he

and I am far from satisfied with my rendering J. F., Towanda, Pa.-What rate of pension person in 10,000 comprehends how much ico receive, and how long a period of time elapsed from the close of that war until the | 11. A letter. densed in a space so simple.' That prayer act was passed that pensioned the survivors? Answer, Eight dollars a month, except in cer-Bible, and stamps upon it the seal of divinity." | tain cases of disabled and dependent survivors | 5, P. O., Arapahoe Co., Colo. 6, Perverseness, 7. who were on the roll on the 5th of January. 1893, who get \$12 a month. The survivors of the Mexican war waited 39 years before they were granted a service pension.

B. F., Utrichsville, O .- Please state the names and nativity of Cleveland's Cabinet, and the name of the Chief Justice of the United States. and the names of the Senators from Ohio. Pierce, of Cambridge, one time addressed the Answer. Richard Olney, Secretary of State. born in Massachusetts; John G. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury, born in Kentucky; Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War, born in New York; Hilary A. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy, born in South Carolina; Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, born in North Carolina; William L. Wilson, Postmaster-General, born in West Virginia; Judson Harmon, Attorney-General, born in Ohio; Julius S. Morton, Secretary of Agriculture, born in New York. Melville W. Fuller is Chief Justice of the United States, and the Senators from Ohio are Messrs, Sherman and Brice.

T. J. P., Persimmon Creek, N. C .- 1. Why does the Commissioner of Pensions call on a claimant for pension for his affidavit as to whether he served in the army or navy, other than as set forth in his application for pension? 2. If from this threatened darkness to see the stars | a soldier is called upon to file a supplemental application for pension some two or three years after he filed his original application, will be draw pension from the date of filing worship of the almighty, omniscient, and all- | the first, or only from date of filing the second? Answer. 1. In order that he may have the entire military or naval service of the applicant, and thus determine that the record is such that, so far as service is concerned, the words, thus repeated for years in childhood and | man has a status for pension; it is, among other reasons, to see whether the claim is away by the on-coming, sweeping tide of tainted with desertion or disloyalty. 2. That French infidelity. But he could not drive depends upon the circumstances of the case, tainted with desertion or disloyalty. 2. That others will follow regularly. that Prayer from his memory. He could not but in general it can be said that, under pres-forget how, with clasped hands, and with his ent practice, it would date from the filing of

MYSTERY.

DECEMBER SOLVING.

Puzzles published during the month, 40; to which Race, K. T. Did. 40; Frank Lynn, H. S. Nut, Katrura, 39; Ben Troyato, Malenco, 36; X. L. C. R., Frantz, C. Saw, 35; Rex Ford, 33; Night Owls, 32; Comrade, 30%; C. Lam, Harry, Eugene, 28; L'Allegro, Nemo, Two-Forty, 25; Mrs. G. P. C. 34; N. E. Moore, Kenneth, 22; Maude, 21; H. O. Mer, Dr. I. A. D. Blake, 19; Gi Gantie, Poly, Teepeekay, Hi Patia, 17; Bison, 16; A. Dandy, Swamp Angel, Aspiro, Serpeggiando, N. O. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, Not. Haides, Gutto, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, Not. Haides, Gutto, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, Not. Haides, Gutto, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, Not. Haides, Gutto, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, Not. Haides, Gutto, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, Not. Haides, Gutto, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, Not. Haides, Gutto, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, Not. Haides, Gutto, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, Beech, N. C. Vice, 14; Aidyl, A Nut, Haidee, Guidon, R. Tillery, Lillian Locke, Primrose, Pearlie Glen, 13: Remardo, Calvin, Sear, II; Newcomer, Lydia, Miss Fit, James, 10; Arty Fishel, Cinders, Pennock, Zorosster, Nedmac, Dan Knight, Cal. O. Hill, 8; See F. See, Mazy Masker, ; M. T. Head, Annetta, 6; Remardo, Cleo, Dan D Lyon, Miss Terry, 4; Al Bert, Carroll Ton. 31/4; Orlando, 3; Oloffe Innished, S. A. D., J. O. King, Lucile, Tyro, 2; Zaida, Cosette, B. E. Ginner, I.

PRIZE WINNERS. 1. Alumnus; 2. Orlando; 3. Kenneth; 4. Cleo; 5. Tyro; 6. Otoffe Innished.

NEW PUZZLES,-NO. 234, NOS. 2291-94-DIAMONDS. (W) 1. A letter. 2. A river of Prussia, 3. Beafs. 4. Garments of fence worn in the Thirteenth Century, (Cent.) 5. An ornamental evergreen shrub. 6. The barn owl. 7. To withdraw. (Cent.) 8. A

Mahometan religious and political society. (Cent.) 9. Furrows, 10. A young plant for growth. Il. A letter. (X) 1. A letter. 2. A kind of moccosin, 3. An Island off the easternmost angle of Maine. 4. small line fastened to the leech of a sail to bring it close to the yard. (Cent.) 5, Boldness or freedom of speech. 6. The yellow pigment present in the inner segments of the cones of the retins in animals. 7. A frequent subject in Greek art. (Stand.) 8. A County of Mississippi. 9. The papal dignity. 10. One. (Stand.) 11. A letter.

egion of North Africa. 4. Sounding.* bell-bird of South America, 6, A kind of buckthorn. 7. Suctorial, tentaculiferous infusoria, (Cent.) 8. A broad dagger formerly worn at the girdle. 9. A town of Prussia. 10. To presage. 11.

(Y) 1. A letter. 2. A small river of Spain. 3. A

(Z) I. A letter. 2. To wrap. 3. One of the Moners. 4. Breeds of sheep originally from Spain. 5. A female name, 6. A town of Prussian Silesia. The root-leaves of Cotyledon Umbilicus. (Cent.) 8. P. O., Jefferson County, N. Y. 9. A strong

NO. 2295-CHARADE.

Who shall tell that his heart was gay. Laughing yet though his lips would be: Voiced, and lost in the soundless sea, Songs were sung but he turned away, Wreaths were wrought but he spurned the bay. Lip to lip when the day was young. Weak the lips that his lips caressed; Skylark Hope to the heavens sprung. Broken-winged to the earth was flung; Serpent coiled on his stricken breast-

Venomed death with a shining crest. O, the basilisk eve of Hate! O, the vigilant watch it keeps! Following into the jaws of Fate, Knowing the doom of it late, too late-Who shall walk where the viper creeps. Who shall be where the viper sleeps?

or naught does the future send-Ye who know it, is this the end? Trip or fallacy, trick or snare-Say, do you dream in the dark out there? Sleeper, what does the waking bring-Bring, if FINAL the waking come? Where does the drift of the river cling-

Aye, is Death such a grewsome thing?

Oh, thou child of the storm-and friend!

Finst is the Mystery's finished sum? Gods! and lips that could tell are dumb! Bah! ALL may the law of the future be, Dreamer, know and obey the sign! Spirit, essence, I summon thee! Stand from the sepulchre, guide thou me! Vengeance waiteth, adrunk with wine!

Dead man come! It is thine-and mine! -IRON MASK, Dayton, O. NO. 2296-HALF-SQUARE. Sentimentalism. (Energe. Dict.) 2. A dealer in inen. 3. Not indorsed. (Stand.) 4. The nervous centers to which impressions from the external world must be conveyed before they can be perceived. 5. Dark resinous substances, polymeric with indal. 6. Idelizing. 7. Linning. 8. Luces. 9. Mimies. 10. To turn from the swath. 11. A form

of the prefix in. 12. A letter.

-Kosciusko McGinty, Brooklyn, N. Y. NOS. 2297-8-SQUARES. 1. A piece of melody. 2. One of the Edentata A village of Hungary. 4. Introduces. 5. Perishes.* 6. A woman's cloak or mantie. 7. A genus of the cruciferous plants.

1. Italian painter of Genoese school: 1613-1614. 2. To lap. 3. Portuguese Dominican genealogist; 1543-1604. 4. One whose business is to free woo from its filth. 5. The portion of a graduated in strument, carrying the sights or telescope. 6. Small Island in the Persian Gulf. (Wore.) 7. A kind of pack-saddle used in the American military -C. SAW, New York City.

NO. 2299-CHARADE.

(To Arty Fishel.) Howitzer prized me yesterday to learn that Peter Had 'listed in the thirty-first Salvation Army For he's a drunkard, and the fact he ne'er has disvowed, Yet, in the "Army," as we know, Abattis not

Methinks he's made a sad mistake if he has joined she applies for pension and establishes title I wonder how he'll two it when he finds he's just Big Gun To wage a one against his drink-for, tho' he h conceptions. He had to realize the character, her pension would include the additional \$2 | The Canister able to him when it with rum is

Yet, even when a child he was a TOTAL young And I have often hit Petard because he ne'er would fail

To Cache my dog and neatly tie a Cannon to His baby sister, Minnle, oft was left for him to keep; The cradle, he must Rocket till the child was fast

And if she sought to Stretcher self, or still Re-

Then this Redout-able would Raze the hoar Arba-He'd just look Daggers at the elf, and Caesar Ar-And shake Hurdle her tiny form would Quiver in

her drend, He'd try to check, but all anear could hear poor Not oft we find in sinful Claymore wicked son's than he.

And when the "Army" captured him it blessed humanity. For if it Limbers Storr it saves the harest Caisson -L'ALLEGRO, Pittsburg, Pa. NOS. 2300-1-DIAMONDS.

1. A letter. 2. A sear. (Stand.) 3. A caster. 4. A twist or bend. 5. P. O., Arapahoe Co., Colo. 6. Intoxication. 7. Those who recant. 8. Those who turn. 9. Boundaries. 10. A cataract of Ireland. 1. A letter. 2. A branch of a tree. 3. A collection of people. 4. A Greek or Latin proper name.

estate. 9. Looks. 10. Ease.* 11. A letter. -STOCLES, Mt. Vernon, Ill. NOS. 2302-3-HALF-SQUARES. (F) 1. A kind of knot. (Stand.) 2. Passing due bounds. 3. The Lyopomata. (Stand.) 4. European hakes. 5. Privileges or exemptions. 6. A genus of foliaceous lichens. (Stand.) 7. Peasant.* 8. A feminine name. 9. Town of Africa. (R. & McN.) 10. An entrance. 11. A letter.

In tectology, a unit of the first order of individu-

ality. 8. Those who receive the profits, as of an

(G) 1. A superfamily of firmisternial frog-like amphibians, including Hemisidae (Stand.) 2. Pertaining to Antioch. 3. Coarse brushes for stippling. (Stand.) 4. Most fuddled. 5. Acts of those who rope, (Stand.) 6. A medicine made by mixing oils with sirups. 7. A species of brome-grass. 8. German archicologist; 1759-1837. 9. In Oriental countries, respectful forms of address given to women.

10. Inside. 11. A letter.

-Rex Ford, Alplaus, N. Y.

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS. After a residence of nearly four years in Roches-

ter Ben Trovato and his wife are to take up their abode in Silver Creek, N. Y. Communications Union soldiers buried at Egmont Key, off should hereafter be addressed: N. H. Spanlding. care of S. Howes Co., as above. Two old-time Philadelphia puzzlers have recently been the re-cipients of noteworthy honors, Planet having been appointed Principal of the Department of Pedagogy in the Philadelphia High School, at a salary of \$2,500, and Goggles United States District Attorney or the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the latter a Presidential appointment .- More work from Towhead and Simon Ease would be welcome. May we not hear from them?—A most exasperat- had a talk with him on the matter, and I do ing error was that by which No. 2251, one of the not think the graves ever received much finest anagrams we have ever had the pleasure of publishing, became a senseless garble. For "Scotch" substitute "Scotish," and you will then be able to appreciate the beauty of the flat.—
Elice's first list of answers is welcome, and we trust Wyrners. Co. D. 104th Ohio. Eau Claire. R. O. CHESTER.

Some Practical Suggestions for Our

White Cannas.

Agricultural Readers.

A few of us only have ever seen a pure white canna. Who ever supposed that a variety of these stately bloomers, with their tropical-looking folinge, would offer the additional attraction of delicious fragrance? Yet a specimen of this sort is being displayed as one of the season's greatest novelties. The name of the plant is Myrosma Cannafolia, and is said to be a South American member of the canna family, sometimes termed the "white canna," bearing entirely distinct flowers, which are sweeter than orange-blossoms, and in color the purest possible white-a new departure in the

canna family, making it a novelty of the highest commercial value. The flowers are heavy in texture, like an eucharis, but infinitely more fragrant-so much so that a single flower will fill a whole greenhouse with its delicious orange-like fragrance. The flowers are produced freely. a single plant sending up successively several spikes of bloom for a period of four to

six weeks. The original stock was secured by the florists of this country from a leading Italian house, under the name of "Myrosma," but it has since been claimed that hedyehium coronarium is the correct name for it. The name doesn't matter much, after all; no matter what it is called, it will be welcomed as a nevelty most desirable in every way. and it will probably create a sensation at Easter time if a quantity of the fragrant beauties can be forced into bloom at this

Care of Lawns.

In many sections of the country it is customary to cover the lawns which surround the dwelling houses with stable manure, with the view that Spring rains may wash the fertility contained in it into the soil. While this process tends to enrich the lawn, it at the same time makes it very unsightly and objectionable in many ways, as the manure generally brings many weed seeds in the lawn, and unless it is very fine it makes the growth of the grass uneven. For small lawns, especially, a high-grade complete chemical fertilizer prepared for lawns is far preferable, and produces an immediate effect. If it is not obtainable, put on unleached wood ashes and fine bone meal.

Soiling Crops. Where the chance for pasture during the ing Summer is poor, a good plan is to prepare ground for some soiling crop that will furnish the cattle with a substantial food. For a herd of 10 cows, sow early on well-prepared, enriched land one and onehalf acres of barley. If pressed for early food, some of this might be ent when not more than one foot high. It will then sprout and produce a fair second crop later. At the same time sow at the rate of one bushel per acre one and one-balf acres of peas, plow them in three inches deep and broadcast and harrow in, or drill on the same ground one to one and a half bushels of oats per acre. At intervals of about two weeks sow as above until three or four plats in all are planted. One and a half acres should furnish food for 10 cows for 15 days, with some meal added, and leave a small surplus, if the soiling crop is fairly successful. As soon as the barley is removed, plow and sow to Hungarian grass, or German millet. Plant on rich, warm soil an early variety of sorn by drilling about two and one-half feet apart, and grain six inches in the row. one to three acres. This might be a large variety of sweet corn, and if there was a surplus, the best ears could be sold in the market. A little later, plant as above two to four acres of some large variety of dent corn, as Southern White. The oat and pealand may be made to produce a good crop of Hungarian grass, if the ground is quickly and thoroughly fitted after the oats and peas are removed. An acre should furnish food sufficient for one cow and leave something to spare for the chickens and pigs, or for storing in the barn for Winter food. In the Fall some rye might be sown, if the practice of soiling is to be continued, in order to get green forage early. While barley does not

yield as much per acre as rye, the cows relish it better, and it is better food. Indian Games. Game fowls are excellent mothers, and are of close, compact structure, being much heavier than their appearance would indicate. Moreover, they have the reputation of laying the richest eggs, while their flesh is of the finest flavor. The fighting propensity of the male birds, however, is an objection which many poultrymen cannot overcome, while among a certain class of breeders it is regarded as an especially desirable feature. In the Indian game breed this tendency is almost entirely absent, and

the additional value of extra-large size is Here and There. Prof. Robertson, of Canada, says that the British markets prefer butter pale in color, lightly salted, packed in 56-pound packages lined with thick paper.

Do not select a breed of poultry which

requires free range when your circumstances require you to keep your poultry in con-Always select strong and stocky plants to set out. When there are but little or no roots to plants there will be a loss of some of them. It is a waste of time planting strawberries, tomatoes, or other plants if they are not selected with the view of secur-

ing those that are strong and vigorous, as any time lost by weak plants, even if they live, cannot be regained. An early start is very important. The wrinkled varieties of peas are the best for the table, but are not preferred for canning. Any of the early dwarf peas may be used for a first crop. The dwarf kinds give only about one picking. It is the standard varieties which bear the heaviest crops, but they require supports and are later than the dwarf kinds. The Champion of England is

is not as prolific as some others, and is also a late variety.

considered one of the best for quality, but

Twelfth Corps. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: 1. Where does Gen. Slocum live or get his mail? 2. What part of the Twelfth Corps took part in the battles of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge ?- G. W. CROWE, Brownsville, Pa.

[1. Gen. Slocum is dead. 2. Geary's Division (the Second) took a brilliant part in the battle of Lookeut Mountain and Hooker's subsequent movement to Ringgold .- EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

The Dead at Egmont Key.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Any persons wishing for information regarding the coast of south Florida, can receive some information regarding the same, and also some of their names, by writing to Charles Moore, Lighthouse Keeper, Egmont Keys, Braidentown, Fla., and inclosing stamp for reply. Mr. Moore has a partial list of those buried there. I was down there lately and had a talk with him on the matter, and I do attention, only what Mr. Moore has done. WITHERS, Co. D, 104th Ohio, Eau Claire,

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.